GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1454
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BOUNDARY DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted Mahajan Commission to resolve the boundary disputes persisting amongst the various States in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report to the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details of the report alongwith the details of the boundary disputes, State-wise including North-Eastern Region;

(d) if not, the time by when the Commission is likely to submit its report; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to solve such boundary disputes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): With a view to settle the boundary dispute between Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, the Central Government constituted the Mahajan Commission.

(b): The Mahajan Commission has submitted its report to the Union Government in August 1967.

(c): Out of the total of 814 villages claimed by the State of Maharashtra, the Mahajan Commission recommended the claim in respect of a total of 264 villages along with the towns of Nipani, Khanapur and Nandgad and rejected their claim to the town of Belgaum. Out of 260 villages claimed by the Government of Karnataka, the Commission recommended only 227 villages for transfer to the State of Karnataka. Karnataka had laid claim to the Kasaragod taluka in Kerala. Mahajan Commission on the basis of ex-parte material placed before it had recommended the this taluka north of the Chandragiri and Payaswini rivers be transferred to the State of Mysore from the State of Kerala.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Central Government have made efforts from time to time to resolve the border disputes involving various States, though essentially it is for the concerned State Governments to resolve their differences through discussions and mutual accommodation. The Central Government had constituted the Mahajan Commission to resolve the Maharashtra-Karnataka-Kerala boundary dispute. Three Commissions have so far been appointed to determine the areas of Punjab that should go to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. Government of India has made efforts in the past to resolve the boundary dispute between Assam and Nagaland, but these efforts were in vain.